IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/576,004 Confirmation No. 8918

Applicant: : Kris Filip Johan Jules Thielemans

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Examiner: : Nancy Bitar

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of June 19, 2009, a response to which is due December 22, 2009 with a petition for a three-month extension of time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Applicants hereby Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response for three (3) months from September 19, 2009 through December 22, 2009 (the 19th being a Saturday and the 21st the USPTO officially closed). The Director is hereby authorized to charge any and all fees necessitated by this Petition to Deposit Account No. 502-665.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees necessitated by entry of this Response under 37 CFR §1.16(j) or 37 CFR 1.136(a) which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 502-665 in the name of GE Healthcare, Inc.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.